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MEDIA REACTION

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: GOE-ROMANIA OIL ACCORD

1. EL COMERCIO, LEADING QUITO DAILY, SAID IN A MAY 7 EDITORIAL THE PROPOSED GOE-ROMANIA ACCORD FOR EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF ECUADOREAN PETROLEUM RESOURCES WAS REJECTED ON LEGAL GROUNDS WELL BEFORE OBJECTIONS AROSE IN THE UNITED STATES. IT ADDED, "ECUADOREAN NATIONALISM CANNOT CONSIST OF HANDLING ITS PETROLEUM POLICY TO SUIT THE UNITED STATES OR AS THE COMMUNIST POWERS WISH." BLOCK QUOTES FOLLOW.

2. "TO HOLD AS THE EXTREMISTS DO THAT WE DO NOT NEED FOREIGN CAPITAL OR TECHNOLOGY BECAUSE WE ARE CAPABLE OF EVERYTHING IS INFANTILE OR SIMPLY A WAY OF MAKING TENDENTIOUS PROPAGANDA. WE STILL NEED OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE TO CONTINUE FORWARD, INCLUDING THE NEED TO FINANCE AND AMPLIFY THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WILL ALLOW US A LITTLE LATER TO TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES. BUT FOR THE ASSISTANCE SOUGHT OR RECEIVED, WE MUST NEVER RENOUNCE OUR SOVEREIGNTY. WE ARE FREE AND SUBJECT ONLY TO OUR OWN LAWS.

3. "CHANGING MASTERS, AS AN EXPERT STATEMAN OBSERVED, NEVER CAN BE THE WAY TO DEFEND A TRUE NATIONALISTIC  
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POSITION. TO FIGHT AGAINST SOME POWERS ONLY TO PUT

OURSELVES AT THE SERVICE OF OTHERS IS NOT PURSUING  
INDEPENDENCE AND LIBERTY. THE ONLY WAY ACCEPTABLE IS  
TO PROCEED WITHOUT BOWING BEFORE ABUSIVELY POWERFUL  
ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS."  
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